

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 remain pending herein.

The Abstract has been revised as set forth herein to address an objection to the Abstract. It is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this objection.

The specification has been amended to include section headings in response to the objection to the disclosure. It is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Claims 7, 9 and 15 have been amended as set forth above to address the objection to those claims. It is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Claims 6 and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 6 has been amended as set forth above in order to provide better antecedent basis for the expression "the parts". It is respectfully noted that the expression "the pile sleeve" has antecedent basis in claim 1, which recites a pile driving device comprising an impact body, an impact hood and a pile sleeve.

As noted above, claims 17-21 are canceled herein.

It is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claims 17, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over European 0 984 105. Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over European 0 984 105. As noted above, claims 17-21 have been canceled, thus rendering these rejections moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. PTO reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

In view of the above, claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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